question and kindly admitted the question. I wish to know whether I would get an answer to it in this session. Otherwise the indulgence shown to me by the Chair by waiving the term of ordinary notice will not be of use to me. So, I request the Chair to give a ruling on that point.

**PRESIDENT:** The duty of the Chair as President of the Assembly begins and ends with the exercise of his powers conferred upon him by the Rules and Standing Orders. The President was asked to waive the required period of notice, *viz.*, 12 days' and the President has done that. The authority to answer the question is not in the hands of the President : it is in the hands of the Government. It is Government who have got to give you the answer and not the President.

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Conversion of Puthukadai-Kollencode trace in Vilavankod taluk into a cart road.*

20. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have not yet decided to convert Puthukadai-Kollencode trace in the Vilavankod taluk into a cart road.

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes. An estimate for the conversion of the trace has been received by Government and is under consideration.

*Applicants for the post of Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam.*

21. **MR. T. S. JAYANTAN NAMBOOTIRI** (*Travancore Jenmies, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, by caste, of the applicants for the post of Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam, during the recent vacancy ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brahmins (Malayala) | ... | 3 |
| 2. | Brahmins (Others) | ... | 8 |
| 3. | Ezhavas | ... | 4 |
| 4. | Kshatriyas | ... | 1 |
| 5. | Nayars | ... | 10 |
| 6. | Vellalas | ... | 1 |
| 7. | Christians | ... | 9 |
| 1. | Other Hindus | ... | 1 |

*Oodukoor tenure of lands.*

22. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is the form of *Oodukoor* tenure of enjoyment in South Travancore ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they recognise such *Oodukoor* right over property when offered as security for loans from Government and

(*c*) whether they are aware that such *Oodukoor* rights are sold for arrears of Government revenue and money realised ?



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**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, provided all the owners agree to it.

(*c*) Yes.

*Ownership of land.*

23. **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*): Regarding the registry of lands for habitation to the depressed classes, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average extent, in cents of land per head of the population in the State, according to the census of 1931; and

(*b*) the number of people, in the State, owning no lands for habitation, according to that census?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) 43 cents.

(*b*) This information is not available from the Census Report.

*Edappalli Market.*

24. **MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Goverment be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any complaint made before the Land Revenue Commissioner regarding the Edappalli market;

(*b*) whether the said market is a public market:

(*c*) whether the market is conducted on public roads;

(*d*) whether it satisfies any of the conditions under the Markets Regulation;

(*e*) whether any report has been made by the Conservancy Overseer to the Sanitary Circle Officer regarding the market offences; and

(*f*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*e*) are in the affirmative, what action has been taken?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. It is a private market.

(*c*) It is held on *poramboke* lands on both sides of the road from the Edappalli Police Station to Tirkakara and the road branching therefrom to Tripunitura.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Sanitary Circle Officer, Perumbavoor, on receipt of a report from the Conservancy Overseer of Edappalli, has addressed the Manager of the Edappalli Swarcopam (the owner of the market) to rectify the defects pointed out therein. It is reported that steps are being taken for the shifting of the market from its present site and that the sanitation of the market is being attended to in the meanwhile.

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